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Jose Luis Gutierrez
Environmental Engineer
Region IX
Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

RE: Section 7 Consultation on the Endangered Species Act

Dear Jose,

Surveys have been conducted for those species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&W), and Arizona Game and Fish (AG&F) as either state sensitive or threatened and endangered. Although not required as part of the Section 7 Consultation under the Endangered Species Act, those species listed as categorical have also been included in the attached Biologic Assessment (BA). Four (4) copies have been included for your use and distribution. One copy should be sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife; one to Arizona Game and Fish; and two others included for EPA use.

As noted in the report, there are no threatened or endangered species at the Florence Project site, nor is suitable habitat available for those species. The only categorical species is the desert tortoise, which has been observed in Section 28 by others than Magma consultants or personnel. Magma has included the recommended tortoise handling plan developed by the agencies for that species in the BA, and Magma will follow those recommendations.

Please review and send the BA to AG&F and USF&W to continue with the consultations. Magma is willing to have meetings with our consultants present as needed to discuss the BA. Magma looks forward to your comments.

Sincerely,

John T. Kline
Environmental Project Manager

cc: Tina Lee-SWCA